

Book Of Mormon Grace vs. Christianity's Grace

There is much said about being saved by grace through faith (and as Martin Luther added the word "ALONE"). He was so incensed about the subject that he tore the Book of James out his Bible. Here is what James said that caused ML to flip-out:

James 2:18 KJV

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

James 2:20 KJV

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

James 2:26 KJV

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Thank Christ for the Book of Mormon that makes plain a precious truth about the subject. It was a doctrinal precept so essential that Christ made sure it was the very last one given in the BOM. Here is a chiasm chart borrowed from RestoredGospel.com that breaks down how grace is applied:

Being 'Perfect in Christ' is to have Grace Applied

A	Yea, come unto Christ and <u>be perfected in Him</u>	To Be Perfect in Christ
	and <u>deny yourselves of all ungodliness,</u>	
B	And if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness	Repent from Sin
	and love <u>God with all your might, mind and strength,</u>	
C	Then is <u>His grace</u> sufficient for you,	Our Covenant with God
D	that by His grace ye may be <u>perfect in Christ</u> ;	
E	And if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ,	His Grace Sufficient
	ye can in no wise deny the power of God <u>(i.e. to Perfect You)</u>	
X	And again, if ye by the <u>grace of God</u> are <u>perfect in Christ</u> and	By Grace Perfect
E'	deny not His power,	
D'	Then are ye sanctified in Christ by the <u>grace of God</u>	By Grace Perfect
	through the shedding of the blood of Christ <u>Which is in the</u>	
C'	<u>covenant of the Father</u>	His Grace Sufficient
B'	unto the <u>remission of your sins.</u>	God's Covenant with us
A'	That ye <u>become holy without spot.</u>	Washed from Sin
		Will be Perfect in Christ

See Christ's final words in the BOM that covers this subject:

Moroni 10:32 LDS-EN-BOM

Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness; and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in nowise deny the power of God.

Moroni 10:33 LDS-EN-BOM

And again, if ye by the grace of God are perfect in Christ, and deny not his power, then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God, through the shedding of the blood of Christ, which is in the covenant of the Father unto the remission of your sins, that ye become holy, without spot.

The "Works" that the BOM makes plain are repentance.